

Shortly after Richard's adoption, the Goodales adopted two brothers, Jonathan and Christopher, who were 11 and 9 at the age of their adoption and are now 24 and 23. They then adopted another group of siblings, James, Tracy, Jerome, and Lorri. Now also grown, these children were 7, 5, 4 and 2 when they joined the Goodale family.

The Goodales, who are white, are blessed with a diverse, multiracial family. Richard is African-American, Jonathan and Christopher are white, and the remaining four are biracial. Despite their commitment and perseverance, the Goodales have had to battle skepticism from caseworkers who initially believed these diverse placements to be inappropriate. Eventually, the Goodales even moved into an all-black neighborhood to demonstrate their respect for their children's racial heritage.

The Goodales are a truly remarkable family, and I am privileged to have been witness to the strength of this family's love.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE HEROISM OF BETTY ONG

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Betty Ong, a native daughter of San Francisco's Chinatown and a hero for our Nation on September 11, 2001.

On that tragic day, Betty Ong was a flight attendant on American Airlines Flight 11 from Boston bound for Los Angeles. Flight 11 left Boston's Logan Airport at 7:59 a.m. with Mohammed Atta and four other terrorists on board. From the time the terrorists took over the plane until she lost contact, Betty remained calm and professional. For 23 minutes, she relayed vital information to her colleagues on the ground. The information Betty provided in that horrifying situation later allowed the FBI to discern the identity of the terrorists onboard Flight 11.

In January of this year, the 9/11 Commission heard a tape of Betty's urgent message. In its report, the Commission confirmed that Betty was indeed the first person to report the hijacking. 9/11 Commission Chairman Thomas Kean declared, "Betty Ong is a true American hero."

On September 21, 2001, a memorial service for Betty was held in San Francisco's Chinatown where Betty was born and maintained strong family and community ties. At that time Mayor Willie Brown proclaimed September 21 to be "Betty Ong Day." This year, the Chinatown Community Development Center is again honoring her.

It is with pride and sadness that I join in paying tribute to Betty's courage and her heroism. I hope it is a comfort to her family that so many people remember and honor her heroic acts.

CALLING FOR TAIWANESE REPRESENTATION AT THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. PETER DEUTSCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. DEUTSCH. Mr. Speaker, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has once again tried to return to the United Nations this fall. In recent years, Taiwan has repeatedly expressed its strong desire to participate in the United Nations and other international organizations. I am pleased that the United States has pledged to support Taiwan's bid to become an observer in the World Health Organization and to obtain OAS (Organization of American States) observership for Taiwan. Many of us in this body have long supported that. In fact, in our Taiwan Policy Review of September 1994, we declared the intent to build stronger and more active support for Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations. The United Nations is such an appropriate organization.

The United States has supported Taiwan's membership in the Asian Development Bank and the World Trade Organization and its admission to the Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation Group; Supporting Taiwan's bid to return to the United Nations is the next logical step for the United States. In doing so, we will demonstrate to the world that the United States supports democracy and freedom in Taiwan. We will prove, yet again, that the United States is on the side of free and democratic people.

It is indeed grossly unfair to see Taiwan and its 23 million people excluded from the activities of the United Nations year after year. When SARS hit Taiwan in the spring of 2003, Taiwan, without United Nations membership, was denied the World Health Organization's expertise and assistance for weeks. Taiwan's doctors had difficulty obtaining information about SARS, and as a result, Taiwanese SARS patients suffered and waited.

Taiwan's immense population is also worth noting. Its 23 million people constitute a population that's larger than those of two-thirds of UN member states. Small states such as Andorra (population 54,000) and San Marino (population 23,000) have UN membership while Taiwan is denied?

Furthermore, Taiwan's exclusion from the UN clearly violates the UN principle of universality. The UN's mission is to "reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women, and of nations large and small." What of the rights of the 23 million people on Taiwan? Don't we believe that the Taiwanese populace counts?

Taiwan is a democracy. It endorses the UN's ideals of peace, human rights, and development. It has been a responsible global citizen, contributing to aid projects like relief supplies for Afghan refugees, AIDS prevention in Africa, and the dispatch of a rescue team following earthquakes to El Salvador in 2001.

If Taiwan were allowed to return to the United Nations, reconciliation and rapprochement between Taiwan and the People's Republic of China would help to stabilize the entire Asia-Pacific region for generations to come, while making the United Nations a much more representative body.

Mr. Speaker, Taiwan's exclusion from the United Nations is unjust. We must speak up for Taiwan, our friend and ally, this year and every other until this injustice is corrected.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 527 REFORM ACT

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join with Congressman MARTY MEEHAN and Senators JOHN MCCAIN and RUSS FEINGOLD to introduce the 527 Reform Act, which will close an election law loophole created by the Federal Election Commission's (FEC) failure to enforce the 1974 Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA).

This failure on the part of the Commission is a long-standing tradition underscored by federal judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly's September 18 decision in Shays v. FEC, which struck down 15 poorly-drafted rules promulgated by the FEC that undermined, rather than enforced, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act.

Our legislation will require 527 groups to register as political committees with the FEC—as they should have been doing all along. It also establishes new, effective allocation rules to ensure groups primarily focused on impacting federal races are regulated accordingly.

For too long, the FEC has looked the other way as 527 groups have channeled soft money into federal elections, clearly violating the letter and the spirit of the campaign finance law.

The 527 Reform Act does the job the FEC has failed to do—it brings 527 groups under the same set of rules as every other political committee.

In doing so, it ensures all groups acting primarily to influence federal elections play by the rules Congress and the Supreme Court intended, rather than allowing some to exist in a parallel world of election law anarchy.

The bottom line is, groups that are in the business of influencing federal elections should be regulated by federal election law, and, by overriding the FEC's long-standing misinterpretation of the 1974 Federal Election Campaign Act, that is exactly what this legislation will accomplish.

WELCOME HOME 1175TH

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to welcome back the 1175th Transportation Company of the Tennessee National Guard. The soldiers, who deployed to Fort Knox, Kentucky in February 2003, had been in Kuwait and Iraq since April 2003. When they returned home in mid-May 2004 they were surrounded by loved ones who hadn't seen them in over a year.

The transportation company was involved in various aspects of transportation, convoy operations and supply missions. Within the first

96 hours of arriving in Kuwait they pulled their first mission—not an easy feat. Often, they drove Humvees mounted with .50 caliber machine guns, escorting vital equipment throughout Iraq. The unit logged some 2.3 million miles in the 13 months they were overseas.

I am very proud of the safety and performance record of the 1175th. They served with distinction by implementing the largest track vehicle movement since World War II not once, but twice in the matter of a few months, while training in the U.S. They also had the best safety record and operational readiness status of the other 15 plus transportation companies working in Iraq/Kuwait.

Iraq is hot, dry, and dusty. Sometimes temperatures reached upwards of 135 to 140 degrees. Knowing the numerous dangers and environment it surprised me to read and hear statements from soldiers such as Sergeant Tommy Adcock say, "Our Country has taken care of us, now it's payback time."

It is sad that the 1175th lost two of its own. Staff Sergeant Nathan Jerome Bailey and Staff Sergeant David Leroy Lyod lost their lives defending a country they cared so deeply about. We need to remember that our countrymen are making the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this country. These men and women have served honorably and with distinction. What makes our country so great are all of the brave Americans that step up and defend this great nation. For that I say thank you and God Bless.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. Speaker, had I been present for the following votes on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, I would have voted as follows:

Rollcall vote 457: I would have voted "yea" on the Van Hollen amendment, which prevents OMB from spending any funds to implement the A-76 rewrite changes that were finalized on May 29 regarding federal employees and contractors.

Rollcall vote 458: I would have voted "yea" on the Sanders amendment. This amendment prohibits the use of funds to assist in overturning *Cooper v. IBM*—on July 31, 2003, a federal court ruled that IBM's cash balance pension plan violates federal anti-age discrimination law. This amendment protects U.S. workers who have been negatively impacted by age-discrimination cash balance pension conversions.

Rollcall vote 459: I would have voted "yea" on the Norton amendment. This amendment prohibits the use of funds in the bill to enter into or renew any contract for a high deductible health plan under the federal employees health benefit plan that does not require enrollees to remain enrolled in such plan for at least 3 consecutive years from the date of initial enrollment.

Rollcall vote 460: I would have voted "yea" on the Davis (FL) amendment, which would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to enforce new restrictions on travel to Cuba for the purpose of visiting relatives.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WOMEN ATHLETES AT THE 2004 SUMMER OLYMPICS

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the amazing achievements of the women athletes at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. In particular, I want to celebrate the success of the United States Women's Soccer Team, who made us proud by winning a gold medal at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, beating Brazil 2-1 in overtime, on August 26, 2004.

These women have become some of the most famous athletic role models on earth. They have taught our children that if you work hard and you believe in yourself, you can accomplish anything. Indeed, these women are helping to fundamentally change perceptions about athletics. It is no surprise that our little girls look up to these strong, motivated women for inspiration. But to also see little boys wearing jerseys emblazoned with the names of their favorite women players is a wonderful sight.

I would especially like to recognize Abby Wambach, who is from my district in Rochester, New York. When she scored the goal that secured the gold medal, nowhere in the world cheered louder than Rochester. In addition, every other woman on the Olympic soccer team also deserves our recognition and congratulations: Shannon Boxx, Brandi Chastain, Joy Fawcett, Julie Foudy, Mia Hamm, Angela Hucles, Kristine Lilly, Kristin Luckenbill, Kate Markgraf, Heather Mitts, Heather O'Reilly, Cindy Parlow, Christie Rampone, Cat Reddick, Briana Scurry, Lindsay Tarpley, and Aly Wagner.

As a testament to the power of these women, their fan appreciation tour, which kicks off in Rochester, on September 25, sold out all 14,000 seats in just minutes. I have introduced a resolution in Congress, H. Res. 373, which supports the reestablishment of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA). Hopefully, some day the WUSA will return, to give these amazing female athletes the professional athletic opportunities in the United States they so deeply deserve.

Thank you to all the women Olympic athletes for transforming the lives and attitudes of today's young women, and for those of generations to come. We all know that girls who compete in sports perform better in school, are physically healthier and have a stronger self-esteem. Our girls have learned that sweat is sexy, brawn is beautiful and a little dirt never hurt anyone. You have truly given us all a whole lot more to celebrate, work hard for and dream about.

HONORING TOM VIOLANTE

HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Tom Violante, founder and owner of Holiday Market in Royal Oak, Michigan in a celebra-

tion of the Market's fifty years as a community landmark.

When Holiday Market opened in 1954, it was a small store up the street from its present location and in some respects it was like many other small grocers so common in those days. It sold the basics and had a meat counter with a very few employees.

But there was from the beginning a major difference: the owner, Tom Violante. He took a personal interest in every customer who walked through the door. He wanted every customer to be satisfied with service, price, and quality. Those who stopped at that small business place can remember Tom at the meat counter, friendly and eager to meet a customer's wishes. In these efforts he was actively joined by his wife Janet.

He also possessed a strong business acumen. When opportunities arose to move down the street and expand into much larger quarters, he took the leap. Today Holiday Market provides an adventure in shopping for an imaginative variety of quality products.

The next generation of his family has taken an increased interest. They have sustained the Violante touch of warm friendliness and superior service.

As busy as Tom Violante was, whether as the cog in a small operation and later as his enterprise grew, and no matter how involved he and his wife Janet were in raising their growing family, Tom and Janet have possessed a strong community and civic involvement.

Tom's community interest was exemplified in his service on the Oak Park Board of Education, the Oak Park Citizens School Finance Committee, President of the Frost Elementary School PTA, and the Oak Park Boosters Club. Many have been the beneficiaries of Tom and Janet Violante's civic interest. Their support of local charitable organizations include the Royal Oak Lions Club, the Royal Oak Boys and Girls Club, William Beaumont Hospital's Speech Therapy Program and Leader Dogs for the Blind and Hearing Impaired, among others.

Mr. Speaker, as Tom Violante is "roasted" at the celebration on September 23, in Royal Oak, Michigan, I add my personal gratitude to a remarkable man who has given so much to make his community a better place for all of us. I ask my colleagues to join in congratulating Holiday Market on its golden anniversary and in wishing Tom Violante, his wife Janet, their five children and fourteen grandchildren good health and happiness, and continued success.

75TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE TO THE CALIFORNIA MARITIME ACADEMY

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite my colleagues to join me in honoring the California Maritime Academy as it celebrates its 75th anniversary.

The California Maritime Academy was founded in 1929 under the name of the "California Nautical School" and was located in Tiburon, and is the third oldest active maritime